

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:  
a storing device for storing a recorded message;  
a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing a recorded message into a computer file; and  
an archival device, in communication with the transcription device, for reading the computer file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the storing device is a voicemail message system.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the storing device is a telephone answering machine.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the archival device is an email.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the archival device is a printer.
7. The system of claim 1, wherein the archival device is a facsimile machine.
8. A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:  
a voicemail message system for storing a recorded message;

a transcription device operating a transcription software and in communication with the storing device, for transcribing a recorded message into a computer file; and

an archival device, in communication with the transcription device, for reading the computer file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the voicemail message system.

10. A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a storing device for storing a recorded message;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing a recorded message into a text file;

a converting device for converting the text file to different formats that are recognized by different recording devices; and

a plurality of archival devices, each archival device in communication with the converting device and capable of reading a recognized format of the text file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the storing device is a voicemail message system.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein the storing device is a telephone answering machine.

13. The system of claim 10, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the converting device is an integral part of the storing device.

15. The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is an email.

16. The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is a printer.

17. The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is a facsimile machine.

18. A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

storing means for storing a recorded message;

transcribing means, in communication with the storing means, for transcribing a recorded message into a text file; and

archival means, in communication with the transcribing means, for reading the text file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the storing means comprises a voicemail message system.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein the storing means comprises a telephone answering machine.
21. The system of claim 18, wherein the transcribing means is an integral part of the storing means.
22. The system of claim 18, wherein the archival means comprises an email.
23. The system of claim 18, wherein the archival means comprises a printer.
24. The system of claim 18, wherein the archival means comprises a facsimile machine.
25. A portable message transcription system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:
- a storing device for storing a recorded message;
  - a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing a recorded message;
  - a converting device, in communication with the transcription device, for converting the transcribed message into a format that is readable by an archival device; and
  - a port, in communication with the converting device and an archival device, for allowing output of the converted transcribed message to the archival device for output or storage thereon.

26. The system of claim 25, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.
27. The system of claim 25, wherein the archival device is an email.
28. The system of claim 25, wherein the archival device is a printer.
29. The system of claim 25, wherein the archival device is a facsimile machine.
30. A method of transcribing a recorded message, the method comprising:  
accessing a storing device storing a recorded message;  
listening to the recorded message;  
indicating that the recorded message should be transcribed; and  
designating an archival device to be used to output or store the transcribed message.
31. The method of claim 30, wherein the storing system comprises a voicemail message system.
32. The method of claim 30, wherein the storing system comprises a telephone answering machine.
33. The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises an email.

34. The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises a printer.
35. The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises a facsimile machine.
36. The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises a plurality of archival devices of different types.
37. A method of transcribing a recorded message on a voicemail message system, the method comprising:
- accessing the voicemail system;
  - listening to the recorded message;
  - indicating that the recorded message should be transcribed; and
  - designating a plurality of archival devices to be used to output or display the transcribed message.
38. The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises an email.
39. The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a printer.
40. The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a facsimile machine.
41. The method of claim 37, wherein the archival devices are of different types.